

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 351
By Goins

A RESOLUTION to honor Melissa Sue Gill, 1997 Salutatorian of
Claiborne County High School.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this General Assembly should honor those individuals who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment have achieved excellence in their academic careers; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Sue Gill is one such outstanding student who has distinguished herself as salutatorian of the 1997 graduating class at Claiborne County High School; and

WHEREAS, through long hours of diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and untiring commitment of time and talent, Melissa Sue Gill has achieved extraordinary academic success, and has joined the ranks of the elite students of Tennessee and our nation; and

WHEREAS, in her laudable high school career, Melissa Sue Gill has earned an exceptional 3.9 grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Sue Gill has won several academic awards and accolades, including the National English Merit Award, the United States National Leadership Merit Award, the United States Achievement Academy Award and the International Foreign Language Award and has been included on the National Honor Roll; and

WHEREAS, she was also a delegate to Girls State and listed in *Who's Who Among High School Students*; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Gill is an accomplished musician; she has been an invaluable member of the United States Collegiate Wind Band and has served with alacrity as the Drum Major of the Marching Band for three years; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Sue Gill has been awarded numerous scholarships, including the Navy ROTC Scholarship and the Emerging Leaders Scholarship, both at Virginia Tech; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's display of intellectual prowess and inner drive surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Melissa's noteworthy achievement is a great source of pride for her parents, John and Glenda Gill, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Melissa Sue Gill's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor Melissa Sue Gill, 1997 Salutatorian of Claiborne County High School, on her impressive academic achievement, and extend to Ms. Gill our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.